

REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing amendment, inadvertent typographical errors have been corrected in the claims.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely, Claims 1 and 5-7, which are drawn to a method for preparing a microarray with vinyl sulphonyl groups. This election is made without prejudice to Applicant's filing divisional applications to the non-elected claims.

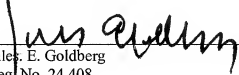
Additionally, in response to the election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species nucleic acid as the probe molecules.

Accordingly, it is believed that this election is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and entry of the amendment and a prompt action on the merits are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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